



Sermon Reflection Questions

“When Brothers Dwell Together” (Psalm 133:1-3)

How does knowing the history of Israel give context to this Psalm? What does it mean to think that this psalm is “aspirational?” Why would David write this when his kingdom was undergoing *disunity*?

How does it help us to know David’s example of the “precious oil” poured out on Aaron is so costly? How does that change how we think about other people in our church? How does that help us prioritize the needs and desires of other people?

Respond to this quote by Hugh MacMillan: *“The dew of Hermon and the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion... flows down and makes the corn to grow green in the valleys, and the vines to swell out their purple grapes in the vineyards, and the lilies to unfold their crimson radiance in the fields. And it is to this wonderful phenomenon that the psalmist compares the unify and harmony of those who dwell together as brethren.”*

How does this image help us to think of maintaining unity in the church?

How is unity a gift that is given in the example of Christ? How does the picture of Christ on the cross give us a picture of how we ought to pursue unity? How does the love He showed change the attitudes we have towards others? Towards ourselves?